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Atkinson, Ackarman nominated for SBP

by MARLYS THOMAS

The teams of Penny Atkinson and Darrin Acker and Brenda Ackarman and Monte Bowden are the two choices in the Student Body President Elections tomorrow.

The ticket of Karen Thalacker and Roxie Baumgartner was eliminated in the 1987 Nominating Convention Sunday, the first convention held since 1982.

Atkinson said the day was a big success. "It's been an exciting campaign, but also a lot of hard work. Darrin and I really feel we can offer a lot to this campus as a team working for the students."

For Thalacker, the day was ruined by "closed-minded delegates and rudeness" she attributed to the Atkinson/Acker campaign.

"Penny and Darrin are responsible for their campaign. We never dreamed of trying to make ourselves look better by putting down other candidates," Thalacker said.

"We [the candidates] wanted to be mature and remain friends throughout the campaign," she added. "But the badmouthing today ruined everything." Ackarman agreed with Thalacker, saying there was too much mudslinging in nominating speeches and putting down of other campaigns.

"We chose not to put down others," Ackarman said. "We chose to emphasize our own positive points."

"The day created a lot of excitement, and we are happy to be on the ballot."

Atkinson apologized in her acceptance speech for any rudeness on the part of her supporters. She stressed that she had no control over the nominating speeches.

"Anyone with questions about what happened today or about our platform or campaign, feel free to call us."

Thalacker and Baumgartner, now out of the race, wished to endorse the ticket of Ackarman/Bowden.

"Ackarman and Bowden are without a

doubt our choice," Thalacker said. "We thank the people who supported us and we hope they will now vote for Brenda and Monte."

Student Body Vice President Eric Welch, chair of the convention, was pleased with the turnout and student response.

"The turnout of the students was excellent," said Welch, who reported that 131 of the 159 delegates were present for the first session and only four did not return for the second session.

After the first round of voting, the official tally had Atkinson/Acker with 51 votes, Ackarman/Bowden with 41 votes and Thalacker/Baumgartner with 38 votes.

The convention rules require that the top two candidates have at least two-thirds of the total vote cast, and the candidate in second place must have at least one-and-a-half times as many votes as the candidate in third place.

After the second vote, the top two candidates were two votes shy of the one-and-a-half lead over the third candidate, and so a third vote was needed.

Student Body President Andy Roquet said in his farewell speech at the convention that a lot of changes have taken place during his two years in office.

"The changes have been for the better, even though students don't always see it this way," he said.

"The administration often makes unpopular decisions, but students must realize that the intent is often in the best interest of the students."

Another speaker, Democratic Congressman Dave Nagle, said to the convention that students are at a crossroad in terms of the federal government's role in providing access to education.

"The president believes the primary beneficiary of education is the student, therefore it should not be the taxpayers' responsibility to respond to education needs."



NET PROFIT—Junior Casey Cason cuts down the net following the Wartburg basketball team's 74-72 victory over Gustavus Adolphus March 8. The win gave the Knights the championship of the NCAA Division III West Regional in Lincoln, NE, and earned them a berth in the quarterfinal round against North Park. The Knights lost 88-63. See story on page six. Will Satris photo.

Candidates relay goals at public debate

by CRAIG SESKER

Improving attitudes and unity on campus and development of better working relationships between students and administrators through Student Senate were major concerns discussed at the Student Body President/Vice President Debate in Buhr Lounge Wednesday.

The debate marked the first public view of the three sets of candidates: presidential candidate Brenda Ackarman and her running mate Monte Bowden; presidential candidate Penny Atkinson and SBVP candidate Darrin Acker; and SBP and SBVP candidates Karen Thalacker and Roxie Baumgartner. All are juniors.

Tomorrow's election will also pit sophomore Gordon Sween against junior Joan Busch in the race for treasurer. Junior Gail Sutton is running unopposed for the position of secretary.

The candidates began by briefly outlining their platforms that appear on page three of the *Trumpet*.

In fielding questions from a three-person panel and from the audience, the candidates had the opportunity to express some of their viewpoints.

Shelly Green, *Trumpet* editor, said Student Senate is a liaison between the student body and the administration and asked how accountability between students and administration could be insured.

Ackarman said educating senators on what is expected of them and making sure students know the

duty of senators will help a great deal.

"The students are not aware of actual opinions and facts supporting the administration," Ackarman said. "The administration also is not aware of what students are thinking."

Atkinson and Acker both agreed Senate can be a great bridge between students and administrators.

"A strong Senate can mean a strong community on campus," Acker said. "We need to train them (Senate) to know their responsibilities."

Thalacker said the discussion and debate should be improved within Senate in order to communicate student opinions more effectively. Thalacker added that a strong Senate would have more power collectively than individually.

Sarah Pringle-Lewis, assistant provost, asked the candidates how important it was for them to keep abreast of non-campus issues.

Acker and Atkinson said the Political Action Committee (PAC) could be an excellent way of channeling happenings to the students.

Baumgartner and Thalacker said PAC could be expanded along with using a wide variety of resources on campus that can be tapped into and have great potential. They include the Students for Peace and Justice group, Human Relations Committee and the Black Minority Awareness Organization.

Ackarman and Bowden agreed that it was important to communicate the issues to students.

"We need to talk to people on campus to get concerns on student issues," Bowden said. "It is important to seek out these opinions."

In response to a question posed about the role of student life at Wartburg, Thalacker said the current facilities were not being used to their fullest potential and we should try and improve the facilities we have. She also proposed a campus clean-up day to instill pride in campus and build what we have.

Ackarman said we need to try to renovate what we have and show an appreciation of our campus but also initiate a long-term plan for improving student life.

Ackarman added that she would like to see all-campus parties return to the campus.

The need for a student-based center is a main concern of Atkinson and Acker.

"What we have is exceptional," Atkinson said. "But with everything there is room for improvement. We need to have a student-based center where we are the center."

In terms of long-range effects of being SBP/SBVP, the candidates shared a similar viewpoint.

"We have a responsibility to future students to improve what we have," Acker said. "We are investing in Wartburg College for the future."

knightbeat

Box friendships; alter constitution

by MICHAEL B. WIRTH

Friendships should be put in a shoe box when students approach the polls tomorrow to vote for next year's student body president and vice president.

There's more to an election than being friends with the candidate. Good friends don't always make good leaders.

The platforms mean little, too. Many of the ideas mentioned in the three platforms are a continuation of Student Senate's work this year or contain little realistic insight into projects Senate can accomplish in the future.

For example, the college isn't at the point financially where it can afford to freeze tuition. I looked into that earlier this year and I know it is impossible.

Qualities to look for in the candidates include management ability, creativity, an ability to scrutinize both Senate and other campus groups, foresight into the campus and good communication skills.

The ability to manage both long- and short-term projects is essential to a student body president/vice president. A Senate leader needs to get the various committees organized and functioning well. Without that organization, and everyone working as a unit, Senate will become useless.

Consider the creativity of the four candidates left—the team of juniors Brenda Ackarman and Monte Bowden and the team of juniors Penny Atkinson and Darrin Acker. Senate leaders need to be creative and present new, fresh ideas if Senate is to help improve campus life and not become a stagnant governing body.

Senate leaders need to scrutinize other groups and Student Senate effectively.

Senate, as an elected body representing students, has the right to give other groups suggestions. But these suggestions must come from a well-informed Senate and its executive committee.

Senate leaders need to examine Senate and see how it can be improved, too. If they can't improve the workings of their own organization, they have no right to give suggestions to other groups.

Senate leaders need to be in touch with campus functions before they take office. If not, they'll spend a good portion of the year learning how the school functions before they can improve campus life and give positive educational suggestions.

The final skill, and maybe the most important skill for a Senate leader to have, is good communication skills. Communication skills are part of every skill mentioned above. Good ideas mean nothing if they can't be related effectively and people can't be motivated to implement them.

If you believe these skills are evident in one of the groups left after yesterday's convention, vote for that group. If not, don't vote for them, especially on the basis of friendship.

MINI-KNIGHTBEAT: It's unfortunate the Student Senate Constitution calls for a convention if there are more than two teams running for president/vice president.

Although the convention was well run, the true views of the campus were not represented, only that of the delegates, who were to vote for the pair they thought would make the best candidates. This eliminates the views of a large share of the campus.

Instead of this system, the constitution should be changed to have a primary and a final vote if more than two teams run. After the primary, the two groups with the most votes would square off in a general election.

This way, the school's true student body president and vice president would be elected. The people who make it to the ballot would not be those who could persuade a small group of people to become delegates, getting them into the general election.

editorial

Men's team makes final eight; where was student support?

For the first time, an Iowa Conference basketball team advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division III tournament.

That team was Wartburg. But the enthusiasm one might expect wasn't evident by the attitude here. No signs announced the game around campus. No pep rally boosted the team for its trip. An announcement in the Page was the only publicity the administration posted on campus.

The conversation around campus hardly centered around the game. People were talking about the upcoming election, other activities slated that weekend and the NCAA Division I tournament on television.

Student support of the Knights at North Park College in Chicago was minimal. Maybe 50 students made it to the game, less than 5 percent of the student body.

The Wartburg fans, mostly alumni, were swallowed by the North Park crowd. Of 1,900 seats sold for the game, 230 were filled by Wartburg fans, although our allotment was 500.

It was unfortunate that the game fell on the weekend it did. With the Quiz Bowl, the Math Field Day, the Nominating Convention, the choir trip to San Antonio, TX, and other commitments keeping students and faculty on campus, few could make the long trip to North Park.

All the same, the college failed to publicize the game and take the initiative to get students there. And it is the college's responsibility because the college should have wanted students there. That doesn't mean the college should foot the bill for the bus.

When Central College advanced to the NCAA Division III football championship, the college arranged eight charter buses for all who wanted to go. Each rider paid a fee for tickets and transportation similar to the set-up Student Body President Andy Roquet organized last week.

Granted, colleges support football more than they support basketball, and Central played for the championship, but Central did organize the trip.

Roquet took the initiative to organize a student pep bus. When he asked a college administrator if the school would chip in \$1 or \$2 for each student on the bus to cut the cost, that person said no. The administrator had discussed the issue with Dr. Ron Matthias, vice president for administration and finance, who ultimately makes the vehicle decisions for the college.

He reasoned that support from the college for one sport or one activity is unfair to other groups. "Where do we draw the line," the college official asked, "when you are trying to support an activity?" Should the college provide entertainment for students, was another point he made. He felt it was a questionable practice at best.

In this case, the college drew the line too early. The administration missed its chance to help Roquet promote a bus that would have united students in supporting the team. We need something to improve campus life; this game would have been an excellent opportunity to do so.

All the help came too late. Having students gone for a week slowed the build-up for the game. No *Trumpet* was published Monday to publicize the event.

The Alumni Office hustled to get letters out to alumni in the Chicago area informing them about the game. It's a good thing they did, otherwise Wartburg's representation would have been worse. However, the college should have made informing students about the game a top priority.

Of course, it didn't have to be the administration alone that tried to get students to the game. Other student organizations could have pooled their resources to fund a bus affordable for students. Many said they couldn't afford \$13 for transportation and \$4 for the ticket.

It seems that those who really wanted to go could have found a way or come up with the money. Maybe those are the students who did go.

Anyway, why was Senate organizing a bus. That's Student Activities Committee's job and they have the money to sponsor not one bus, but many buses.

Student Senate and Student Activities Committee agreed to kick in a few dollars for each student on the bus, but by the time those decisions were approved, the help was too late. Roquet, along with *Trumpet* Editor Shelly Green and Cheerleader Renae Schroeder blitzed the dorms Thursday night looking for people to ride the bus. Forty-seven students were needed. Only 20 signed up. The bus was canceled. The booster bus organized by the athletic director was also canceled because not enough people were interested.

Friday afternoon, Matthias and a handful of students made every effort to provide the 20 signed up for the bus a way to attend the game. Matthias authorized use of a college van for the group and the students involved were grateful. That van and another college van driven by members of the radio station staff, KWAR, were involved in minor accidents while going and returning from the game. No one was seriously injured.

Matthias, unlike other administrators, realizes that sometimes you make exceptions in college policy that are really in the best interest of the college and the students.

The administration failed the team, as did the students, because no one realized the significance of this game.

We're not complaining that the team didn't win. But a large student crowd might have given the Knights enough momentum to have pulled off an upset. But then, there has been little student support of the team all year.

North Park College sits on the outskirts of Chicago. The basketball team has a winning streak of over 50 games on its home court. A lot of activities in Chicago compete for the North Park community, but the college consistently overpacks its small gym to support their winning team. Damn it, we have a winning team and the Waverly area doesn't normally compete for student's time. We only pack Knights Gym for the Luther game.

Ah, the Luther game, when students flock to the gym.

Students don't necessarily attend because they want to support the team. The Luther game is merely a theme party with a contest to see which student body can outyell the other.

At Saturday's Iowa Conference Indoor Track Meet, members of both the men's and women's track teams wanted to go to the game. They also wondered where their fans were. Student attendance at the meet was also minimal.

Yes, the college should have standards about how it spends money. Students should fulfill their commitments and realize the personal sacrifice of going to the game, but sometime last week, everyone should have thought about the team and given their support.

For those who don't realize it, the men's basketball team won both the Iowa Conference Championship and the West Regional Championship. Do people realize we were one of eight teams left in the nation to compete for the national Division III title? The information should have come from the top. If we want to be one of the four best private colleges in Iowa, we ought to start acting like one.

Athletes know the value of the cheering crowd. When Knight fans chant, "We are Wartburg," a bonding occurs. The diversity that is our trademark gels with a single cheer.

But do we know what "We are Wartburg" means anymore? Perhaps the "Wartburg community" should reevaluate what we are really all about.

Soon to be a major bonfire...

by MATTHEW W. TUTTLE

While some students were submitting themselves to the harsh rays of the sun, extreme amounts of alcohol and interaction among several other college students who have unusual ailments not common to Iowa, others of us capitalized on the week break to relax and catch up on our reading.

I searched the bookstore of Southern Marshalltown for light, yet enjoyable reading. Here's a list for those of you who enjoy literature but don't want to take time to read a long and involved novel.

Details of My Presidency. President Reagan recalls his life so far as president along with all the details he remembers from major events.

There's the meeting with Gorbachev in Iceland ("He didn't speak much English"). The Iran arms deal ("They woke me up to sign something and then told me to go back to bed"). And, of course, daily antidotes ("I remember Lucky").

After the few short moments it will take you to read this book, you'll know just as much as the president about the details of world affairs.

How to Make an Honest Buck. Ivan Boesky tells

you how to succeed in business the honest and ethical way. Included are stock tips and advice on how he would invest your money.

During the times when Wall Street was setting records in daily trading, closing prices and inside trader arrests, Boesky's name is one that stood out among the rest.

Take it from the expert, Ivan believes that this book could be one of the best investments that you'll ever make.

Things I Wouldn't Do For a Laugh. The king of late, late night comedy, David Letterman, tells where he would draw the line on getting a laugh from a gimmick.

Aside from the things that the censors won't allow, the networks won't allow and the lawyers won't allow, there is room for personal judgment on what is comedy and what he thought would be just to cheap a shot to do even on late night TV.

Among the things he mentions as being beyond the line of comedy would include jokes about Liz Taylor, the Queen or Johnny Carson.

The Delicacies of Writing a Movie Plot. Sly Stallone tells the numerous formulas used in the development of a story line.

Some of the many movie plots Stallone believes are effective are overcoming tremendous odds for the love of a woman, overcoming tremendous odds for the love of a family member and overcoming tremendous odds for the love of country.

He relates the above plots to his personal experiences of overcoming tremendous odds at the box office for the love of money.

Also included is the writing of dialogue and avoiding the use of senseless violence.

Letting Positive Attitudes Reflect in Your Writing. Matthew W. Tuttle tells the importance of letting positive beliefs reflect when writing something that is to be viewed by the general public.

Included are examples of positive remarks he has used and how to fight the urge of using cheap shots. There is also plenty of space to be used to add to the above list if you happen to come across another positive remark before the end of the year.

Ackarman/Bowden alphabet for action



Juniors Brenda Ackarman and Monte Bowden

A - ACHIEVE - A successful year at Wartburg involves achieving the many goals stated in our platform.

B - BELIEVE - We believe in the abilities of ourselves, the students, faculty, staff and administration.

C - COMMUNICATION THROUGH COMMITTEES - It is of utmost importance to continue to improve the communication between all facets of the Wartburg community.

This will be done by:

- 1) dividing the current Academic Policies Committee into an Administration Policies Committee and an Academic/Faculty Policies Committee to more effectively channel issues
- 2) strongly encouraging the administration, staff, faculty and students to openly express their views and supportive reasons for their

decisions.

D - DEDICATION - We dedicate ourselves to the commitments of the executive offices of the student body for the 1987-88 academic year.

E - EDUCATE - It is our goal to educate the student body on the roles of student government by:

- 1) holding informational meetings before application periods for elected and appointed student offices.
- 2) randomly inviting students to attend Student Senate meetings to encourage input.
- 3) accompanying senators at floor meetings, especially early in the year.

F - FULFILL - Setting goals is one thing, fulfilling them is another. We intend to fill ours.

G - GIVE - It is the responsibility of Student Senate to appropriately allocate money to various organizations on campus. This will remain a carefully monitored process.

H - HOMEWORK - We are prepared to do the necessary "homework" to research our decisions carefully. We will research the issues and then make our decisions.

I - INFORM - Keeping the student body informed on current issues and the senators informed on student concerns is crucial. This will be accomplished by senators continuing to channel information from committees to students and bringing student input back to Student Senate.

J - JOIN - We will work toward uniting organizations by joining forces with SAC, BMAO, etc. For example, Wartburg could develop a student union designated for and run by Wartburg students. This would take the joined forces of all organizations on campus.

K - KNOWLEDGE - Through our past experience in Senate we have gained valuable knowledge that will contribute to a successful year.

L - LIFE - Campus life is a major concern. We will implement several of the short-term and long-term ideas generated by the Student Senate Task Force regarding student life such as:

- 1) Short-term
 - a) a Big Brother/Sister Program.
 - b) reviving Brother/Sister floors.
 - c) President's Luncheons.
- 2) Long-term, promoting a larger and more appropriate student union.

M - MARKET - As leaders of the student governing body it is our duty to promote this organization in the

Wartburg and Waverly communities, and at state and national levels. This could be done by:

- 1) increasing the amount of on-campus publicity of senate.
- 2) contacting the Waverly Chamber of Commerce and offering our input at their request.
- 3) promoting Wartburg at conferences held in Iowa and other states.

N - NEGOTIATE - Tactful negotiation and compromise are necessary to ensure functioning at all levels of the Wartburg community.

O - OUTFLY! OUTFLY! OUTFLY! - Outfly is an important tradition at Wartburg College. It is important for Student Senate to work closely and carefully with EPC in determining the new guidelines for Outfly.

P - PRODUCTIVE - We will continue to provide productive leadership.

Q - QUALITIES - Our personal qualities of leadership and of serving people. We both have had many concerns of Wartburg brought to us and have dealt with them to the best of our ability and will continue to do so.

R - RELATIONS - A good foundation has been established to improve intercollegiate relations. We will continue to support, sponsor and attend activities that involve Wartburg with other colleges.

S - SERVICE - We will serve student needs by listening to the concerns of students, taking immediate action and giving feedback to students.

T - TALK - We will increase student awareness of campus issues by talking them up.

U - UNITY - It is important to maintain campus unity. This will be done by supporting interaction between on-campus, off-campus, traditional and non-traditional students.

V - VISUALIZE - Visualize Wartburg College as one of the top colleges in the state of Iowa. We will assist Wartburg's planning group in attaining that goal.

W - WAVERLY - A sound relationship between the Waverly and Wartburg communities is crucial. We will positively effect this relationship by meeting with Waverly city officials to exchange ideas.

X - X-RAY - We will look within ourselves to review our achievements, motives and goals for the 1987-88 academic year.

Y - YOU - You are the reason for our efforts and we will serve YOU the students.

Z - ZEST - We are fired up for a fantastic year and our zest will carry us through it.

Atkinson/Acker platform for president

Both Penny and Darrin would like to promise you a change in Wartburg's alcohol policy but Federal and State law prohibits this change. The Atkinson and Acker ticket could, however, promise you that every effort would be made to maintain what liberties we currently do have here at Wartburg. Work would be done to keep Wartburg a wet campus by continuing to allow alcohol in the rooms of those students who are of legal drinking age. Neither Penny nor Darrin see the elimination of alcohol on Wartburg's campus as a positive addition to students' lives. Alcohol in today's society has become part of living; whether or not you want to partake in the consumption is a choice you as a student should be able to make; the college should not have the liberties to make the choice for you. Let Penny and Darrin fight for your right of choice.

Tradition is something Wartburg has built its foundation upon and Outfly is one such tradition. This year Wartburg's students nearly lost Outfly. Penny and Darrin want to secure this traditional event not only with the faculty and administration, but with Wartburg's students and community. By having Outfly as a planned, not scheduled event, preparation for Fall, Winter, and May Terms Outfly could begin as early as one year in advance. Once the President has called Outfly the campus activities could begin as projected. The Atkinson/Acker ticket believes Outfly to be a necessary break for the students and faculty alike. The opportunity to meet your professors and other students should not be abolished but expanded to help create unity with Wartburg's students and faculty.

The Student Senate this year created a task force in response to an editorial in an issue of the *Trumpet*. The Task Force ended up, after several meetings, suggesting the creation of a "real" Student Union. Their idea was to implement Grossmann Hall into a place solely for the use of the students. Penny and Darrin agree with this idea and find this aspect to be one of the most important issues for next year. The issue is so prominent because of the stratification of the classes (freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior) evident this year. The Campus needs to be unified. Penny and Darrin will make this unification happen. This whole project will involve extensive work with the administration and Penny and Darrin are willing to put the time and energy in that this effort involves.

Tuition costs are something that affect all students at Wartburg. With the recent increase in tuition, students are beginning to wonder how much longer they can afford Wartburg's education. Penny and Darrin propose that as each student is accepted to Wartburg, the current tuition rate is frozen. This means that upon

entering Wartburg you receive a quoted price for tuition which you will pay throughout your career here at Wartburg College. Penny and Darrin recognize the increasing costs of running a high-quality college such as Wartburg, but they also want to relate to the administration that without the students there would be no college. The students need to have the same financial security that the college has with us.

Penny and Darrin both view Student Senate as an organization built of leaders: students who are willing to spend time improving their campus structure. Even with Student Senate's outstanding achievements, Penny and Darrin see room for improvement. To continue Senate's ability to work for the student body there needs to be an open line of communication between the students and their senators. Penny and Darrin fear that this line of communication might be faltering. Through a Senator education program, they proposed that an increasing awareness of the student body's ideas and feelings would result. Then these views could be properly channeled back to a committee allowing Senate to act on the students behalf. This would provide the service Student Senate was originally set out to achieve.

Penny and Darrin also agree that the Class Presidents' positions are currently being disregarded. As Student Senate stands now, the Class Presidents' roles are minimum. Class Presidents have been elected by their whole class for which they serve and therefore should be used as a resourceful tool in that class' relationship to Senate. In short, Penny and Darrin want to delegate more duties to these four students above the Human Relations Committee for current class gifts. Atkinson and Acker no longer want to allow these valuable leadership skills to be lost because the Class Presidents have little to do.

Student Senate this year has been effective, as can be seen by the various accomplishments made. However, Senate could be even more effective next year, and it is Penny and Darrin's goal to increase Senate's impact.

With Iowa's well-known change in the legal drinking age, Wartburg's campus has undergone changes. One major change within Wartburg's community is the discontinuation of the all-campus parties. The end of these social gatherings was not only unnecessary but has possibly added to the separation of the legal drinkers and those under age.

Canceling the campus-wide parties because of the alcohol law change implies that alcohol was the sole reason for the parties. This was not nor ever had been the case. These campus parties provided Wartburg's



Juniors Penny Atkinson and Darrin Acker

students a chance to meet and get to know each other in something other than an academic setting. These parties should have been continued with or without the use of alcohol. There is no valid reason to believe that minors would justify drinking at an all campus party knowing the penalties they would face. We have a set judicial system here at Wartburg; let's trust our student and allow them to make a choice and then allow our current system to work with the offenders.

Penny and Darrin both have experienced the campus-wide parties and this year without the parties. They have noticed a difference so they propose that Wartburg once again allows all-campus parties. Let the students exercise their maturity and give them the choice. They know the consequences.

Editor's note: The Trumpet chose to run the Atkinson/Acker platform although it was turned in late to the paper. We wanted students to have both platforms for scrutiny before casting their ballots tomorrow.

Lutz to highlight Spiritual Emphasis Week

by RICH GORDON

Dr. Charles P. Lutz, director of the Office of Church in Society of the American Lutheran Church and a 1953 Wartburg alumnus, will highlight Spiritual Emphasis Week at Wartburg, according to Campus Pastor Larry Trachte.

Spiritual Emphasis Week activities were planned by three co-chairs, freshmen Julie Hanson and Monte Drebenstedt and junior Ray Blank. Contemporary composer/musician John Ylvisaker kicked off the special week with a Buhr Lounge Coffee House Saturday.

Upcoming events include a campfire sponsored by Faith Alive tomorrow at 7 p.m. and a chapel led by Pastor Trachte at 10:15 Wednesday in Neumann Auditorium. Lutz will lead a convocation Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in Buhr Lounge and junior Tim Schuring will lead a Faith and Fellowship gathering at 9:30 p.m. in Danforth Chapel.

Junior Lila Pedersen will lead chapel Friday at 10:15 a.m. in Buhr Lounge. At 9 p.m. a dance in Knights Gymnasium with music by KWOF will round out the week's activities.

"Spiritual Emphasis Week emphasizes that spirituality is something that goes on in our everyday lives, not just once a year during this one week," Hanson said.

In accordance with the Spiritual Emphasis Week theme "Follow Me," Lutz's convocation address is entitled "Follow Me...Into the World." Lutz received an honorary doctorate from Wartburg at December Commencement, and was so impressive in his address that he is being asked back for this convocation.

"The Dell Association was instrumen-

tal in bringing Lutz here," said Dr. Herman Diers, professor of religion.

In addition to his convocation address, Lutz will give a lecture on "Rural Economic Distress: The Church's Unique Role" Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in the East Room.

Before taking his current position in Minneapolis, Lutz was a magazine editor and also spent four years during the Vietnam War years in New York City as an expert on Selective Service information for men of draft age.

Women's History events slated in March

by ROBIN DOEDEN

International Women's Day falls on March 8 this year and Wartburg has extended its celebration to the entire month of March.

According to Janice Kragness, chair of the Women's History Celebration Committee, this has been celebrated since 1981 in the United States and since 1985 at Wartburg.

"It is intended to create a basic awareness of women's place in history," Kragness said. "Hopefully, some day it won't be necessary."

Tonight a panel will discuss the results of a recent survey.

"It is based on a survey given to Wartburg students about their sexual attitudes in different areas," Kragness said. "I don't want to give away the details, but

it should be very interesting."

The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Buckmaster Room.

Cheryl Jacobsen, assistant professor of history, will speak on the history of American women Tuesday. "Honoring Generations of Courage, Compassion and Conviction" is the title of her talk at 7:30 p.m. in the East Room.

"Not one of the Boys," a documentary film about women during the 1984 campaign covering their problems as well as their successes, will be shown Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Buhr Lounge.

A videotape from a television special commemorating the 20th anniversary of the National Organization for Women will be shown Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Den.

Carol McCormick, a storyteller from

the Minneapolis area, will tell stories relating the views of women on the issues of "Women's Work, Women's Value," Tuesday, March 24, at 10 a.m. in the East Room.

Women's History Month will conclude with Joan Bokaer, a representative of Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND). The Dell Association for Peace and Justice will sponsor Bokaer's presentation March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Buckmaster Room.

The Women's History Celebration Committee consists of faculty, staff and students—both male and female.

"It is designed so that students become aware of women's issues so we are always asking more students to become involved," Kragness said.

College vans damaged

Two Wartburg College vans were damaged in separate weather-related accidents Saturday night and early Sunday morning. No one was injured seriously, but one van will be out of commission for several weeks, according to Plant Superintendent John Laube.

The first accident, involving seven students on their way to the Wartburg-North Park basketball game in Chicago, happened near Elizabeth, IL, when the van skidded on a sleet-covered road and hit a guard rail. Because of the bad weather conditions the group then returned to Waverly.

The second van, carrying the KWAR-FM radio crew back from the game, went out of control on an ice-covered bridge near Waterloo. Station Manager Dave Danielson, a senior, suffered a cut over one eye, but none of the others was injured, according to sketchy information available at press time.

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THE LIVING DEAD—"Spoon River Anthology" cast members take five during a final rehearsal before opening night Thursday. They are (front row, from left) junior Karen Thalacker, senior Pamela Kleiss, sophomores Sherl Wearda and Susan Stanley, freshmen Jill Bowden and Philip Fetter, (middle row, from left) freshmen Rob Marquardt, Tina Mees, Jon Darter and Jeni Heins, (back row, from left) freshman Kelly Thompson, junior Don Bronsema and sophomore Sonya Barnett. Will Saffris photo.

In Players Theatre

'Spoon River' opens Thursday

by **NANCY ANDERSON**

Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology," under the direction of Steve Palmquist, will open Thursday at 8 p.m. in Players Theatre.

"Spoon River Anthology" is the story of life in a small town in Pennsylvania. All of the characters in the play are dead. They speak from "the hill," the local cemetery.

Each character reflects about life in Spoon River. Some incidents are related, but are given from a different viewpoint.

Only a few simple props make up the set; it is very basic. But it is enhanced by a 16-foot, multi-level stage extension. This helps focus the attention on the characters, according to Palmquist.

The cast includes 13 students. The cast members will demonstrate their talent by each por-

traying several different roles throughout the play.

"It's a very flexible play. Everyone who auditioned got a part," Palmquist said. "However, the students are still challenged because of the different characters they must play."

Performances are scheduled for March 19-21, at 8 p.m. and March 22, at 3 p.m. in Players Theatre. Tickets cost \$1 for students with an activity ticket and \$4 for adults.

Cast members are very excited about the upcoming performances.

"It's a different kind of show. I can't really compare it to anything I've done before," said cast member Pamela Kleiss, a senior. "It's very challenging."

Constitution excludes women from its protection: Doderer

by **STEPHANIE LEIST**

Women have been excluded from the protection of the constitution but not from the responsibility it incurs on them, said Minnette Doderer, member of the Iowa House of Representatives.

Doderer gave the convocation address, "Recent History of Legislation Affecting Women in Iowa," Thursday as part of Wartburg's celebration of Womens' History Month.

Doderer said when women were finally included in legislation, the problems became even worse. Women were then recognized as females, not as individuals. They were given separate considerations unequal to males.

Females were banned from working overtime or working jobs that required the lifting of over 25 pounds. Librarians and child care workers were the exception. Women were also prohibited from attending private schools.

"Women were placed in a man's world so the



men could protect them," Doderer said. "We did have to fight (for our rights). Mainly the fight dealt with economics of the system."

It took women 72 years to get the 19th Amendment ratified, according to Doderer. In 1920 women won the right to vote.

"Women should treat the right to vote as a real right," Doderer said. "In order to have any effect at all you must participate in politics and government."

Several improvements, such as the payed equity law, have been helpful in promoting the rights of women in recent years. Women's rights issues don't always hit the headlines, Doderer said, but they are continually discussed within the Senate.

Doderer said it will take just as long for women to achieve equality in the workplace and other places as it did to win the right to vote.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us in bringing equality to women under the law. It's going to be a long hard process and more women like you young college people need to get involved in issues that affect you."

Prior to the convocation address, Mayor Evelyn Rathe was presented with the Women History Celebration Award.

Rising illusionists Spencers to perform act here Tuesday

One of the fast-rising illusionist acts in America will perform here Tuesday.

Kevin and Cindy Spencer, who have performed on national television, will stage their show at 7:30 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium. The Student Activities Committee-sponsored event is free to the public.

The performance will include some of the most famous illusions in history. Included in the Spencer repertoire are Houdini's Milk Can Escape, the escape from a Chinese Water Torture Cell and the Table of Death. They end each performance with another of Houdini's creations, the

Metamorphosis.

In addition to using magic as entertainment, the Spencers are interested in magic as therapy. They have developed a unique program called "The Healing of Magic." The program is used in hospitals and rehabilitation centers for victims of strokes, accidents, spinal cord injuries or head injuries. It also has been successful for suicide attempt victims, depressives, substance abusers and those with learning disabilities. It has been endorsed by the American Medical News Journal, the Washington Post, Health Care and Health magazines.

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Knights fall in tourney

by SCOTT LEISINGER

No team wants to end its year on a losing note. But despite suffering an 88-63 loss to North Park in the Division III quarterfinals in Chicago Saturday, the Wartburg Knights were more than happy with their 1986-87 season.

While North Park advanced into this weekend's Final Four competition, the Knights bowed out of the tournament with a 19-9 record, their best in four years.

"With all the adverse situations we've faced this year, this team could have written themselves off," Knight Coach Buzz Levick said. "But they stuck together and played as close to their ability as possible."

But as successful as the Knight season was, it came to a frustrating end in Chicago.

North Park, ranked fifth nationally, jumped on the Knights early and grabbed a 13-1 lead as Wartburg missed its first four field goal tries. Had it not been for sophomore Mike Murphy, who scored Wartburg's first eight points, the Knights could have been out of the game early.

"The first five minutes dictated the tempo for the rest of the game," Levick said. "We had good shots, they just didn't fall."

North Park made the most of its home court advantage, breezing to a 45-33 halftime lead.

"We have a mystique at home," Viking Coach Bosko Djurickovic said. "The kids don't think they can lose here."

They may be right. The Vikings have won 51 straight games at home and are 11-0 in home playoff games.

The Knights pulled to within nine points midway through the second half, but the powerful inside game of North Park proved too strong. Viking center Dan Mulkerin scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and was named outstanding player of the game. Viking forward Mike Starks led all scorers with 24 points.

Murphy led Wartburg with 16 points but fouled out with 9:06 left in the game. Senior Barry Huber had 13 points and junior Art Sathoff scored 11.

The Knights made only 24 of 63 field goals (38 percent) and 14 of 23 free throws (61 percent). North Park hit 53 percent from the floor and 82 percent from the line.

Wartburg became the first Iowa Conference team to advance to the quarterfinals after beating Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 91-81, and Gustavus Adolphus, 74-72, to win the West regional in Lincoln, NE.

Murphy was named outstanding player in the regional, which also included Nebraska Wesleyan. Cason was named to the all-tournament squad, and the win over Claremont was Levick's 400th career victory at Wartburg.



FINAL SHOT—Senior Dan Gerdes puts up this shot in the final game of his career, an 88-63 loss to North Park.

Baseball team wins in Texas, opens year 1-9

by DARREN MILLER

Life in the Longhorn State began on a positive note for Wartburg's baseball team March 1-7, but injuries and the inability to make routine plays forced the Knights to leave Texas with a 1-9 record.

Things were looking bright for Wartburg after a season-opening, 15-7 victory over Concordia Lutheran at Austin. Junior Curtis Mack, making his pitching debut after a year lay-off, got the win and junior Brian White earned a save.

But that was the only time the Knights would find themselves on top. Following a 6-4 setback in the nightcap, Wartburg dropped double headers to Briar Cliff.

St. Mary's of San Antonio, Schreiner of Kerrville and Texas Lutheran of Seguin.

"Overall I thought we played well, but at times we had trouble making the routine plays," Coach John Kurt said. "That wasn't totally unexpected, but good teams will get the out instead of committing an error."

Sophomore Brian Bowman, in his first year of college baseball, led the squad in hitting with a .381 average. He had eight hits and seven stolen bases. Following Bowman were junior Brett Wall, who batted .304 with seven hits, and sophomore Tim Lueder, who batted .300.

Senior Chris Cartee, an All-American last season, struggled in Texas, hitting

only .242 with seven hits, two doubles, a home run and six runs batted in. As a team, the Knights batted .217.

"Winning and losing isn't that big of a deal down there," Kurt said. "We wanted to play everybody to find out what they could do. It was a good experience."

Injuries to senior Bret Hoyer and sophomore Shawn Stolte hampered the Wartburg outfield, and now senior pitcher Steve Smith and freshman catcher Tony Dlouhy are suffering from injuries. Two quality infielders, senior Barry Huber and sophomore Rich Williamson, could not travel because they also play basketball.

Kurt said that Wall handled his right-

field chores well and he was also impressed with the play of Bowman, Dlouhy, sophomore Phil Kittleson, junior Stu Fritz, freshman Brett Grings and sophomore Mike Pederson.

"If we tighten our defense and hit the ball, we'll be in some games," Kurt said.

Wartburg opens its Iowa Conference schedule March 28 against Central at Pella.

WARTBURG SCORES

Concordia Lutheran	15-7, 4-6
Briar Cliff	0-9, 2-13
St. Mary's	0-12, 1-14
Schreiner	4-8, 3-7
Texas Lutheran	1-3, 2-10

Knight grapplers shut out at national meet last week

The only thing Wartburg brought back from the Division III national wrestling tournament last weekend was experience.

Wartburg qualified sophomore Dean Gavin at 190 and junior Walt Vering at heavyweight because of their second-place finishes at the Iowa Conference meet. Neither wrestler could earn All American honors at the State University of New York at Buffalo, though.

Gavin (32-10) claimed eighth-place as a freshman at 190, while Vering (22-13-1) was making his first trip to nationals.

It looked like Gavin had another shot at placing in the prestigious meet after

he earned victories in the first and second rounds. Gavin defeated Ed Smith of Monmouth, 4-2, and defeated Vince Bedesem of Delaware Valley, 8-2, in the second round. Bedesem entered the match with a 32-0 record.

But in the quarterfinals Gavin, who was seeded third, dropped a 6-1 decision to Trenton State's Vince Pozsonyi. Although Pozsonyi was only the sixth seed, he went on to become a national champion by defeating Upper Iowa's Mike Himes in the finals.

In the wrestle-backs Gavin met Brad Eggers of Central, a foe he had defeated four times without a loss. Leading 4-3

with 14 seconds remaining in the match, Gavin allowed Eggers to get a takedown. Because of a riding time advantage for Gavin, the match went into overtime.

After two periods of inactivity, Eggers escaped from Gavin and salvaged the victory.

"I was definitely disappointed with my performance," Gavin said. "I wanted to make the finals, but I guess I just wasn't ready to wrestle."

Himes placed second, Smith placed seventh and Eggers placed eighth.

"It was kind of a tough way for Dean to bow out," Coach Dick Walker said. "It is disappointing to lose to someone you

have defeated twice during the year."

Eggers placed third at the Iowa Conference meet behind Himes and Gavin, but was still chosen as one of the 10 wildcard selections.

Vering received a bye in the first round and then lost to Pat Conners of St. Lawrence, NY, 13-5. In his wrestle-back match, Vering was decisively by Al Nardone of Kean, NJ, 4-3.

"I was pretty nervous but it was good experience," Vering said. "If I make it next year it will be a different story."

Central placed eighth with 44 points and had an individual champion in Tim Hackel at 126.

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Women all-stars

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Following are their choices as the top women intramural players:

The All-Stars
Chosen by Amy Lammers and Amy Fuller.

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Experience helps women in openers

by STEVE MCGREW

Last year a young Wartburg softball team traveled to Oklahoma and went 0-6 on the trip. This year Wartburg showed what experience can do for a team by going 4-4.

The Knights played four double-headers, sweeping Oklahoma Baptist University and Cameron State, but losing to Central State University and Northeastern Oklahoma State University.

Second-year Coach Janet Vaughan said the team nearly went 6-2 on the trip. "We lost to Northeast 2-1 after leading 1-0 for six innings and lost one other game by one run," Vaughan said.

Sophomore Janette Jurgensen had a fine trip for the Knights. She went 3-2 on the mound with a 2.00 ERA and had a .455 batting average, including a home run.

"I was happy to get outside and start playing and I was glad the team as a whole played well," Jurgensen said. Senior Rose Miller finished the trip with a 1-2 pitching record, but still had a respectable ERA of 2.15.

Also performing well were shortstops Wendy Backer, a junior, and Kathy Aspetia, a freshman. Backer went .429 on the trip and added two RBI's and a home run. Aspetia also had two RBI's, while hitting .313. "You could say it is a coach's pleasant problem to have two shortstops performing well," Vaughan said.

Vaughan was pleased with the team's hitting, especially from a pinch-hitting standpoint. "Janet Krueger [freshman] came in and put the ball in play when we needed a lift," Vaughan said. Krueger, although batting just 11 times, led the team in RBI's with four. Right behind her with three RBI's were Miller and junior Mar-

lys Thomas.

Not only did the Knights do well at bat, they also performed well in the field. Second baseman Amy Fuller, junior, had just one error during the trip. Junior Kris Kuper, a second team All-Iowa Conference selection last year, made just two errors behind the plate in Oklahoma. Kuper, this year's team captain, said she tries to provide leadership by working with the pitchers and feels the team could do well this year.

"I'm optimistic about our team's chances this season," Kuper said. "We have the bulk of our team back this year."

A new addition to the team this spring will come in the form of an assistant coach. Susan Mingus, who won a national championship as a player at Buena Vista, has joined the squad this year.

Harris at nationals

Men win three titles in IIAC indoor meet

by DARREN MILLER

Seniors Erik Buchholz and Chris Creswell, along with sophomore Kori Stoffregen, all won individual titles at the Iowa Conference indoor track meet Saturday at Waverly.

No team scores were kept and the Knights were without sprinter Tony Harris, sophomore, who qualified for the national NCAA Division III Indoor Track Meet at the University of Chicago. Harris qualified for the 60-yard dash, but did not make the finals. He was one of the top 12 sprinters in the country.

Creswell won the 1000-yard run in the league-record time of 2:20.0, while Buchholz won the 300-yard run in a time of 33.0 and Stoffregen edged Central's Mark Heid in the 880-yard run with a time of 1:59.1.

"Basically we were competitive right where we wanted to be," Assistant Coach Greg Mason said. "I thought we did a good job overall considering we just wanted to get through our last indoor meet."

Senior Scott Wilson placed third in the shot put with a toss of 44-2, followed by freshman teammate Steve Stecker, who placed fifth with a put of 42-5.

Junior Tim Schuring finished fifth in the pole vault, junior Dave Smith was fourth in the mile run and junior Bob Brockney finished second in the 60-yard hurdles. Two Knights placed in the 440-yard dash, with Buchholz claiming second and junior Craig Sesker placing third.

Creswell also finished second in the 600-yard run and the mile relay team placed second. The distance medley ended up third.

"We have had some nagging injuries so this was a good meet for us to run easy," Assistant Coach Barry Cuvelier said. "Hopefully we can get over the aches and pains and start getting ready for the outdoor season."



THE WINNER BY A TORSO—Sophomore Kori Stoffregen leans at the tape to defeat Central's Mark Heid in the 880-yard run Saturday. Stoffregen won the event with a time of 1:59.1. Darren Miller photo.

Records fall as women eye outdoor season

by DARREN MILLER

Women's track Coach Liz Wuertz said she has never been disappointed with an indoor meet this season, and Saturday's Iowa Conference meet was no exception.

Reasons for the Knight good feelings were school records by junior Teresa Cordes in the high jump, junior Lori Stumme in the triple jump (she placed second) and sophomore Lisa Ness in the 60-yard hurdles (she placed third).

"I was very pleased seeing us do so well and breaking the records," Wuertz said. "We were setting our sites on the outdoor season beginning and I have been really pleased with the indoor year."

Wartburg hosted the meet and no team scores were kept. The Knights won four events, including the mile relay with senior Nancy Balding, Stumme, sophomore Janelle Meyer and junior Marsha

Huisman cruising to a winning time of 4:20.6; Huisman in the 300-yard run (39.4); sophomore Margaret Janssen in the shot put (35-2) and Cordes in the high jump. Cordes' leap of 5-4 tied a conference indoor record.

The fine Wartburg performances were accomplished even though junior star, Sandy Kline took the day off because of an irritated hamstring.

Wuertz was also pleased with the performance of Balding, who ran a personal best in the 880-yard run. Mary Welsh of Loras won the event with a time of 2:20.6, but Balding was right behind at 2:20.7. The old indoor conference record for that event was 2:25.43.

"We are really getting a lot out of our kids right now," Wuertz said. "We have some freshmen that are really coming along and we will improve our depth

before the outdoor season begins."

Freshman Angie Pitz ran well in the mile run and Wartburg will pick up freshmen Traci Roelfs and Kayleen Havran for its March 28 outdoor opener at Augustana (IL). The Iowa Conference indoor meet was the last indoor competition of the year for the Knights.

Other placemen for Wartburg were Meyer (third) and Huisman (fifth) in the long jump; Ness (second) and Huisman (fourth) in the high jump; junior Jan Dass (third) and Stumme (fifth) in the shot put; sophomore Amy Powell (fourth) and Cordes (fifth) in the triple jump; Stumme (fourth) and sophomore Margo Johnson (sixth) in the 440-yard dash; Cordes (third) in the 1000-yard run; Meyer (second) in the 300-yard run and a second-place finish in the distance medley.

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'A Chorus Line'—yawn...

I always thought I wouldn't like a musical about the tribulations and neuroses of aspirant chorus line dancers. I was right.

"A Chorus Line," which has been around since the pre-disco seventies but has somehow been denied as merciful a death, kicked up its tired and vulgar heels once again last Tuesday evening.

It was presented in Neumann Auditorium by Jerry Kravat Entertainment as a segment of the 1987 Artist Series.

My daughter and I settled into our choice balcony seats and waited for the curtain to rise for the sold-out performance.

A few minutes with Smith



by Rick Smith

The troupe had trouble on the road with its buses so the show began an hour late—at 9 p.m.

The people in the packed house didn't seem to mind: students, professors, college employees, ministers, "upper-crust" locals and not-so-locals waited patiently for the great cultural event to begin. All waited excitedly for their lives to be enriched.

At midpoint in the two-hour musical that lacked enough good music to be a musical and was just a bit shy of dialogue that would have made it a bad play, I wanted to leave before I nodded off.

My 14-year-old daughter wanted to stay; she didn't mind the bathroom humor and foul language. I wasn't offended by it—just bored. I quit tittering at such subject matter years ago.

Others in the theatre were apparently offended (good Christians, no doubt); several people walked out after a few "farts," "f-cks," "tits" and "faggots" came bellowing from the stage.

I envied those who left; I had to stay or risk disappointing my daughter who had been looking forward for some time to our night out together. Besides, I wasn't shocked—just yawning.

I decided that maybe a play that casually tossed the Lord's name around for laughs and seemed fixated on "tits and ass" might be bearable if I put myself in the right frame of mind. It might get better, I thought. Wrong again.

I tried to pretend it was good—I stretched my patience to its breaking point—but I kept becoming bored by the players' endless monologues concerning their pathetic, depressing lives.

The constant, vulgar language that may have been considered daring or chic 15 years ago when this travesty was conceived kept offending my ears; they had come seeking culture and had found only low-brow crassitude.

To be fair, a few of the dance numbers were well done but there was never a high energy level on stage long enough to keep my interest piqued.

The finale was the most energetic, and welcomed, part of the show.

The score, written by Marvin Hamlisch after his flush of success with "The Sting," was repetitive and dull. The singing was only adequate.

The 10-member orchestra plugged gamely along and managed to do a decent job despite its small size. The musicians didn't have much to play; they looked as bored as I was.

There were a few interesting moments in "A Chorus Line." I just can't remember what they were. They were so heavily smothered in endless monologues about pathetic lives that they are easily forgotten.

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A highpoint of this mish-mash of a "musical" was a character's wonderful revelation that all of life's

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problems can be solved with a big set of tits and a nice ass.

I could feel no empathy for these stereotypical characters and their petty, hare-brained problems. "A Chorus Line" is little more than a trashy soap opera with a beat, and the beat dragged.

As Kirkwood and Dante, writers of "A Chorus Line," might say in one of their scripts: "who really gives a shit?"

Students review Broadway show

Overall, the company was stunning, especially during the finale with their fantastic costumes and choreography. Every aspect of the show was top quality.

—Nancy Anderson

The production was straightforward and honest. But above all, it was realistic. The harsh reality that profanity was used was disturbing to the audience.

—Craig Sesker

My standing ovation for this performance goes to Cherie Rosen, musical director. The Orchestra was crisp and the entire production was on cue. Rosen not only directed the music, but also played the keyboards.

—Carla Ferguson

As "A Chorus Line" opens, graceful and energetic dancing intermixed with some humor takes place, as the 22 dancers compete for the eight available openings.

—Rich Gordon

Their dancing was beaming with energy.

—Peggy Schnuelle

As I watched the show, I had to keep reminding myself that these performers already had the job, that this wasn't the actual audition. I laughed and I cried...I FELT.

—Beth Warner

Christine Maglione (Diana), who began her touring debut with this performance, was excellent. Her voice seemed to fill the auditorium with emotion and even if she could feel "Nothing," the audience could.

—Robin Doeden

The emotional acting by the entire company made the audience feel as though they were on stage sweating, crying and striving for a final position.

—Darren Miller

Perhaps the most irritating thing of all were the seats in Neumann Auditorium. The bone-crushing seats in Neumann really detracted from the performance. During the last hour of the play you could see people all over the auditorium shifting in their seats, myself included.

—Terry Kleinschmidt

Most musicals are lighthearted glimpses of life. "A Chorus Line" looks at life realistically. Not everyone is going to make it. Not everyone can be a star, but they have their chance at it.

—Michele Nemmers

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